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REISSUE APPLICATION:	246-99-029RE 1246
ORIGINAL U.S. PATENT NO.:	6,586,048
GRANTED:	July 1, 2003
PATENTEES:	Ronald F. Welch, Jr. Robert J. Saccomanno Gary A. West
TITLE OF PATENT:	Method for Depositing a Barrier Coating on a Polymeric Substrate and Composition Comprising Said Barrier Coating

**SUBSTITUTE REISSUE OATH/DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY BY
INVENTORS**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in original U.S. patent 6,586,948, granted July 1, 2003, and in the accompanying Reissue Application and for which invention we solicit a reissue patent.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a). In compliance with this duty there is attached hereto an Information Disclosure Statement.

**STATEMENT OF INOPERATIVENESS OR INVALIDITY
OF ORIGINAL PATENT
37 C.F.R 1.175**

We believe the original patent (U.S. patent 6,586,048) to be partly inoperative because the patent claims embrace less than we had a right to claim, by being too narrow in at least some respects and thus erroneously fail to protect all important aspects of the invention disclosed in patent 6,586,048.

We recently became aware of this error when companion applications were being reviewed with respect to prosecution both before the US Patent and Trademark Office and before the International Examining Authority (PCT). Specifically, this error arose in our unduly limiting our method invention to specific types of parylene polymers. All errors being corrected in the reissue application, up to the filing of this oath or declaration, arose without any deceptive intention on our part.

We understand that the new claims in this reissue application are broadened in certain aspects to correct such inoperativeness, while maintaining the original claims without change so as to obtain the scope of the new broadened claims while retaining the scope of the original claims

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

We hereby appoint all practitioners associated with Customer Number 00128 and Mr. James W. Falk, Reg. 16,154, as our attorneys to prosecute the application identified above and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

It is respectfully requested that all written communications from the Patent and Trademark Office in connection with this application be addressed to

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